GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING
LOK SABHA

STARRED QUESTION NO:196
ANSWERED ON:04.08.2000
SHOWING DOORDARSHAN CHANNELS BY CABLE OPERATORS
BHARTRUHARI MAHTAB;SHRIPAD YESSO NAIK

Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) whether all cable operators are supposed to show at least three Doordarshan channels to their viewers according to law;

(b) if so, whether it is being followed strictly;

(c) if not, the details of steps being taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether there are any general rules and regulations for cable operators in the country; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) to (e): A statement is laid on the Table of the House.

STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN REPLY TO PARTS (a) TO (e) OF LOK SABHA STARRED QUESTION NO. 196 FOR ANSWER ON 4.8.2000

(a) As per the existing Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995, it is mandatory for a cable operator to carry on his network any two Doordarshan channels of his choice.

(b) Reports have been received that some of the cable operators are either not carrying two Doordarshan channels on their network or they are carrying them in a manner which does not provide good quality reception to the viewers.

(c) The Government proposes to introduce an amendment Bill during the current session of Parliament, which will, inter alia, mandate the cable operators to carry two terrestrial and one regional channel of Doordarshan and also the manner of their carriage. The amendment Bill also envisages more effective enforcement mechanism.

(d) & (e) The operation of Cable Television Network in the country is governed by Cable Television Networks (Regulation) Act, 1995 and Cable Television Networks Rules, 1994 made thereunder.